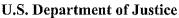
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## **BY ECF**

The Honorable John G. Koeltl United States District Judge Southern District of New York United States Courthouse 500 Pearl Street New York, NY 10007 APPLICATION GRANTED SO ORDERED

John G. Koelti, U.S.D.J.

Re: Ali Majed Soudi Alfar v. Quarantillo, et al., 22 Civ. 10260 (JGK)

Dear Judge Koeltl:

This Office represents the government in the above-referenced action brought pursuant to 8 U.S.C. § 1421(c), in which plaintiff challenges the denial by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services ("USCIS") of his Application for Naturalization (Form N-400) after he appeared for an interview related to this application. I write respectfully on behalf of the parties to seek a 30-day extension of the parties' deadline to file a letter proposing a schedule for anticipated motion practice (i.e., from March 25, 2024, to April 25, 2024).

As the government previously explained, the parties had been negotiating a consensual resolution of this matter, but unfortunately those discussions were not fruitful. ECF No. 29. Then on March 11, 2024, this Court granted plaintiff's motion for substitution of counsel. ECF No. 34. Since that time, this Office has been in ongoing discussions with plaintiff's new counsel, USCIS, and the Department of Homeland Security, and the parties believe that further discussions may be able to resolve this matter outside of litigation. Accordingly, the parties respectfully request that the Court grant another brief extension so that the parties may continue their negotiations.

I thank the Court for its consideration of this request.

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